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SUBJECT: TRAVEL CONDITIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

1. NEA/PAB IS RECEIVING NUMEROUS INQUIRIES ABOUT TRAVEL CONDITIONS IN AFGHANISTAN INCLUDING FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY OF TRAVELING OUTSIDE KABUL. OUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN THAT WE KNOW OF NO REASON TO ADVISE PEOPLE NOT TO TRAVEL TO AFGHANISTAN BUT GIVEN UNCERTAINTIES OF THE SITUATION THERE SUGGEST THEIR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT BE WITH THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION TO GET CURRENT INFORMATION ON ANY AREAS TO AVOID. BESIDES GENERAL QUESTIONS OF SAFETY, SPECIFIC INQUIRIES HAVE DEALT WITH RESTRICTIONS ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND CURRENT PRACTICE REGARDING VISA ISSUANCE AT AIRPORT.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ADVICE ON THESE AND ANY OTHER POINTS YOU BELIEVE U.S. TRAVELERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR AFGHANISTAN. CHRISTOPHER

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